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088 Card Read and 523 Card Punch Compatibility

It has been found that the 088 card reader is not completely compatible with existing 1604 programs using the 533 card reader. If the reader is not manually cycled twice before the first card read operation as in the case of the 533, then a false card image is transmitted to core storage from the secondary read station. Since it is difficult to manually cycle the 088 card reader in a fashion similar to the 533, this is not a solution to the problem.

This problem can be solved by not cycling the 088 reader and having the card reader routine disregard the illegal image and initiate another read operation. At this time the first card would be properly positioned for normal operation.

Mods AD and AF of MTCII will ignore the illegal card image provided the first card of the deck is a function request. If a function, which requires data cards from the reader, is requested from the typewriter, then the illegal image will not be ignored. If, for some reason, a restart is required in the middle of a data deck, then the illegal card image will not be ignored. These potential problems can be avoided by proper operating procedures, i.e., always make function requests from the card reader and restart any functions which have associated data decks from the beginning. However, the incompatibility does exist and could cause a problem if ignored.

The 523 card punch is compatible with present 1604 programs.

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